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Metis Housing Program.

ALBERTA HOUSING CORPORATION
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AL ADAIR, MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO FOR NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT, STAN DANIELS, PRESIDENT OF THE ALBERTA METIS ASSOCIATION AND DON GOODWIN, ALBERTA HOUSING CORPORATION BOARD MEMBER WILL PARTICIPATE IN OFFICIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. AND MRS. LLOYDIE FLETT JR. OF FORT CHIPEWYAN, ONE OF THE FIRST METIS FAMILY PARTICIPANTS IN THE METIS HOUSING PROGRAM.

MR. AND MRS. FLETT WILL BE WELCOMED INTO THEIR HOME BY MR. ADAIR AT 11:00 A.M., OCTOBER 5, 1973 IN FORT CHIPEWYAN.

THE METIS HOUSING PROGRAM WAS INITIATED BY THE OFFICE OF NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT THROUGH A DESIGNATED $1,000,000 ALLOCATION OF PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS AND WAS ANNOUNCED BY PREMIER LOUGHEED EARLIER THIS YEAR.

AHC IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ALBERTA METIS ASSOCIATION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OVERALL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM.

TO DATE OVER 500 APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE ALBERTA HOUSING CORPORATION. THE METIS ASSOCIATION SELECTED THE FAMILIES THAT WILL BE HOUSED IN THE FIRST 50 UNITS THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE. MR. AND MRS. FLETT WERE ONE OF THE FIRST APPLICANTS. RENTAL ON THEIR UNIT WILL BE APPROXIMATELY $105.00. THE HOME IS VALUED AT $12,900.

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OTHER APPLICANTS FOR HOUSING RESIDE IN: FAUST, JOUSSARD, EDSON, GRAND CENTRE, COLD LAKE, FORT McKAY, LAC LA BICHE, ONOWAY, GOODFISH LAKE, KEG RIVER, CALLING LAKE, ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE, MANNING, GRIMSHAW, SPEDDEN, HIGH PRAIRIE, GURNEYVILLE, VILNA, ELK POINT, FORT VERMILION, HINES CREEK, WORSLEY, GRAND CACHE, GRANDE PRAIRIE, VALLEYVIEW, SMITH, BLUE RIDGE, AND BONNYVILLE.

THE ALBERTA HOUSING CORPORATION IS A CROWN CORPORATION ESTABLISHED MAY 1, 1967, UNDER THE ALBERTA HOUSING ACT. THE CORPORATION IS CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CARRYING OUT ALL PROVINCIAL HOUSING PROGRAMS IN ALBERTA. THE AHC IS NOT A DEPARTMENT OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, BUT IT REPORTS TO THE ALBERTA LEGISLATURE THROUGH THE MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, D.J. RUSSELL.

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More Detailed Information Regarding the Metis Housing Program is Attached.

# METIS HOUSING PROGRAM

Initiated by the Office of Northern Development, the purpose of the Metis Housing program is to provide adequate housing accommodation for Metis families who are unable to obtain housing from their own resources. The primary objective is to provide rental housing at a rate which is in proportion to income with an option for the resident to purchase the unit at some future date. Alberta Housing Corporation in consultation with the Metis Association will have the overall responsibility for the program and will be accepting applications immediately.

The units will be managed by a local Housing Authority which will be composed of a group of interested citizens within the community including a representative of the office of Northern Development.

Any Metis family that need a house may apply to the Alberta Housing Corporation by filling out an application for Metis Housing. These applications when received will be compiled and the applicant may be further contacted to supply additional information. A house design will be selected by the tenant, approved and built as soon as possible.

Upon completion of the house, it will be turned over to a local Housing Authority for management. The Metis family will rent the unit at a rental rate in proportion to their income. After five years of renting, the family will be given the option to buy the house or assume the balance of the lease if on leased land. Should the family wish to buy before the end of the five year period, they may apply to the Alberta Housing Corporation.

The lease can be purchased at the original cost to build plus the cost of insurance and maintenance during the time the house was rented. Therefore, every dollar in maintenance not spent by the Corporation is a dollar saved by the tenant when he purchased at a later date.

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